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SUBJECT: PARTIES WORK ON RESOLUTION/RECOMMENDATION ON TROOP  
WITHDRAWAL; MYONGDONG PRISONERS

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1. ON JULY 29, RULING PARTIES AND NDP AGREED UPON FORMULA WHICH WOULD PERMIT THESE PARTIES JOINTLY TO (1) RESOLVE THAT U.S. TROOPS SHOULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA; (2) RECOMMEND IN SEPARATE ACTION TO ROKG THAT IT RELEASE "ARRESTED PERSONS," AS WELL AS TAKE "APPROPRIATE ACTION" ON KIM HYONG-UK, PAK TONG-SUN CASES AND SUBJECT OF ALLEGED U.S. BUGGING OF BLUE HOUSE; AND (3) MAKE RESOLUTION CALLING UPON U.S. IN EFFECT TO "IMMEDIATELY STOP ANTI-ROK ACTIVITIES IN U.S."

2. PARTIES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MAKE JOINT RESOLUTION ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL SOME TIME AGO (REF), BUT NDP HAS FOUGHT HARD TO INCLUDE SUBJECT OF RELEASE OF MYONGDONG PRISONERS AND REPEAL OF EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. NINE IN SAME RESOLUTION. ALTHOUGH WORDING IS STILL TO BE IRONED OUT, FORMULA THAT  
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WAS FINALLY REACHED KEEPS TROOP WITHDRAWAL ISSUE SEPARATE FROM RECOMMENDATION (NOTE: IT IS NOT RESOLUTION) TO RELEASE MYONGDONG PRISONERS. AT THIS POINT MENTION OF REPEAL OF EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. NINE IS NOT PART OF FORMULA. ACCORDING TO GONGA ILBO, NEW ELEMENT INTRODUCED IN THIS COMPROMISE IS VAGUE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR U.S. TO CONTROL ANTI-ROK ACTIVITIES IN U.S. NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE IS PRESENTLY

WORKING ON LANGUAGE FOR FIRST RESOLUTION; STEERING COMMITTEE  
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES ARE WORKING ON REMAINING  
RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION RESPECTIVELY.

3. NDP ASSEMBLY TODL EMBOFF EARLIER THAT THEY HAD SERIOUSLY  
DOBUTED WHETHER RULING PARTY WOULD ALLOW MENTION OF  
DOMESTIC ISSUES IN TROOP WITHDRAWAL RESOLUTION SO THIS FORMULA  
SHOULD PLEASE THEM. (EMBASSY COMMENT. IT ALSO SHOWS THAT GOVERN-  
MENT, AT THIS POINT, MAY BE MOVING TO ACCOMODATION ON MYONGDONG  
ISSUE.)

4. DURING EXCHANGE ON MYONGDONG BETWEEN NDP'S CHAE  
MUN-SIK AND MINISTER OF CULTURE KIM SONG-CHIN AT ASSEMBLY  
COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 29, KIM SAID "IF AND WHEN ARRESTED  
RELIGIOUS LEADERS SHOW ACCEPTABLE REPENTANCE I WILL  
RECOMMEND GOVERNMENT TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES SUCH AS AMNESTY."  
PRESS MENTIONED MAY 27 THAT PRESIDENT PAK SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER  
RELEASING MYONGDONG PRISONERS IN COVERSAATION WITH NDP  
CHAIRMAN YI CHOL-SUNG. HOWEVER, KIM SONG-CHIN'S STATEMENT  
IS MORE EXPLICIT STATEMENT OF DEFINITE CONDITION FOR THEIR  
RELEASE. ALTHOUGH MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS MIGHT FIND IT  
REPUGNANT TO "SHOW REPENTANCE", AT LEAST A FORMULA HAS BEEN  
PUBLICALLY INTRODUCED WHICH PRISONERS CAN CONSIDER AND  
PERHAPS MANEUVER ABOUT.

COMMENT: ACTUAL CONSUMMATION OF RESOLUTION/RECOMMENDATION  
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FORMULA WOULD REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION  
IMPACT INROKG POLICIES.  
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